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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

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RE: Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects

Federal Law, under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA), requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to publish a listing of projects using federal funds obligated in the previous federal fiscal year. The annual listing provides a record of project delivery for the previous year. The listing is also intended to increase the awareness of government spending on transportation projects to the public.

SAFETEA also encourages cooperation among the state transportation agency (Caltrans), public transit operators, and MTC to develop this listing. The information in the listing comes from data compiled by Caltrans and MTC. For the last federal fiscal year (2005-2006), the region obligated approximately \$1.15 billion in federal funds.

The listing has three sublistings: local projects, transit projects, and state managed projects. Information for the local project listing includes obligation of fund sources such as Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Enhancement (TE). The source of this information is Caltrans and MTC. The second table for transit includes obligation of fund sources such as Federal Transit Administration sections 5307 and 5309, and comes from MTC. The final listing of state managed highway projects includes obligation of fund sources such as Emergency Relief and Interstate Maintenance, and comes from Caltrans.

MTC intends to release the annual listing on its website prior to January 1, 2007, and welcomes any comments to the listing prior to its release.